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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S VISIT TO EAST GERMANY

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1. IN COURSE OF MY MEETING WITH PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EIGIL JORGENSEN ON SEPT 23,
I ASKED WHAT HE EXPECTED WOULD EMERGE OUT OF K.B. ANDERSEN'S
VISIT TO EAST GERMANY OCTOBER 12-14. JORGENSEN REPLIED
THAT FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAD PAID OFFICIAL
VISIT TO DENMARK IN JULY AND THAT FORNMINISTER K.B.
ANDERSEN HAD VISITED WEST GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN IN
OCTOBER 1975.

2. JORGENSEN STRESSED DENMARK'S CLOSE TIES WITH WEST
GERMANY, THAT VISIT TO GDR COMES AFTER EXCHANGE OF VISITS
WITH FRG, AND THAT PRIMARY REASON FOR VISIT TO EAST
GERMANY - AS SEEN BY DANES - IS TO IMPROVE TRADE
RELATIONS. JORGENSEN POINTED OUT THAT UNTIL VERY
RECENTLY DANES WERE RUNNING A SERIOUS TRADE DEFICIT WITH
EAST GERMANY. LATELY, EAST GERMANS HAVE LET A NUMBER
OF CONTRACTS IN DENMARK. FURTHERMORE, A DANISH/GDR
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TRADE COMMISSION WILL MEET PRIOR TO ANDERSEN'S VISIT

IN ORDER TO AGREE ON ADDITIONAL DANISH EXPORTS TO EAST GERMANY AND THESE CONTRACTS WOULD THEN BE SIGNED DURING ANDERSEN'S VISIT.

3. WHILE THE DANES ARE STRESSING THE COMMERCIAL SIDE OF THE UPCOMING VISIT, THE EAST GERMANS WOULD LIKE TO SIGN A CULTURAL AGREEMENT. THE DANES ARE RELUCTANT TO DO THIS. IN THIS CONNECTION, JORGENSEN MENTIONED THE UNFAVORABLE RECEPTION THE CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVED IN COPENHAGEN (COPENHAGEN 2990) AND THAT DANES ARE HESITANT TO CONCLUDE FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH EAST EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS AT THIS TIME. DANISH TACTIC WILL THEREFORE BE TO TRY TO POSTPONE SIGNING OF CULTURAL AGREEMENT. GDR WILL CONTINUE, HOWEVER, TO PUSH TO HAVE IT SIGNED DURING ANDERSEN'S VISIT TO EAST GERMANY.

4. JORGENSEN EMPHASIZED THAT GDR AIR AND NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN BALTIC HAVE SENSITIZED BOTH DANISH GOVERNMENT AND DANISH PUBLIC TO GDR'S AGGRESSIVENESS IN THAT AREA. THIS SUBJECT WILL CERTAINLY BE RAISED BY THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER IN EAST GERMANY BUT WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO HARMONY OF THE MEETING.
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